

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,355 United States servicemen listed as Missing in Action or Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 United States servicemen have been listed as Missing in Action or Prisoners of War for three or more years, longer than any United States Prisoner of War of World War II; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty as American citizens to urge support of the joint resolution before Congress relative to the Geneva Convention; in that, all Prisoners of War receive humane treatment, and such resolution (S.Res.245) found in the Congressional Record and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations reads as follows:

"Whereas the Government of North Vietnam, the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, and the Pathet Lao--

- (1) have consistently refused to release the names of prisoners of war;
- (2) have declined to release immediately sick and wounded prisoners;
- (3) have refused to permit impartial inspection of their prisoner of war camps;
- (4) have not guaranteed the proper treatment of all prisoners; and
- (5) have not permitted a regular flow of mail between prisoners and their families; all such actions being in violation of the Geneva Convention and basic standards of human decency:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the Senate of the United States most urgently calls upon the President, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and all other concerned departments or agencies of the executive branch, the United Nations, the peoples of the world, vigorously to use all means of peaceful persuasion at their disposal to bring the facts concerning treatment of prisoners of war by the Government of North Vietnam, the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, and the Pathet Lao, to the attention of all other governments, with a view to eliciting international support and respect for such measures as may be undertaken by the President, or such departments or agencies, and the United Nations, to obtain the prompt release of all Americans so held as prisoners of war."

WHEREAS, South Dakota State Departments of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, World War I Barracks and the South Dakota Veterans Department have long been concerned about our men being held prisoners of War, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Dakota asks that every church in South Dakota have a Day of Prayer on Sunday, November 9, 1969, in remembrance to all the brave men who have given their lives for our country, but especially remembering those who are Missing in Action and those who are held captive by the North Vietnamese,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK L. FARRAR, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the day of November 9, 1969 as a

"DAY OF PRAYER"

in South Dakota and call upon each citizen of South Dakota to support his church in honor of those who are now defending our great United States and especially those who are now defending our great United States and especially those who are among the Missing in Action or Prisoners of War being held captive by the North Vietnamese.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to have the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota affixed. Done and signed at the Capitol in the City of Pierre on this the 7th day of November, A.D. 1969.

*Frank L. Farrar*  
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

*Alma Larson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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